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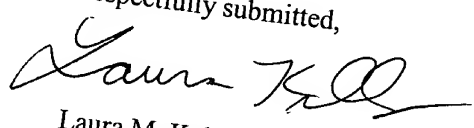
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Transmitted herewith is a REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION in the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
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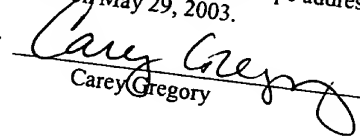
  
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